

# SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TABERNACLE ARTICLES

EXODUS 40

# INTRODUCTION

- All the articles in the Tabernacle had spiritual significance for the nation of Israel.
- Dr. Constable quoting Davis in his notes on Exodus says “The tabernacle also provided a prophetic prefigurement of the..

# INTRODUCTION

..redemptive program of God as focused in Jesus Christ... it was a remarkable picture of the high priestly work of Christ, both here on earth and His eternal work in heaven.”

# INTRODUCTION

- As we study each article in the tabernacle, we will see that Christ who dwelt among us (Jn1:14) has completed the ministry of earthly tabernacle.
- But, there are some timeless principles which are applicable to us. Let us look at them.

# DOOR OF THE TABERNACLE

- There was only one door to enter in the presence of God.
- In Gospel of John chapter 10 Jesus said “ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.”
- He is the way, the truth and the life.  
Jn14:6

# ALTER OF SACRIFICE

- There is no need of any alter for the sacrifice of animals because Jesus has given the ultimate sacrifice. Jn. 1:23;2:35; Isa. 53 and Heb. 9:27-28
- Timeless principle is that we need to live a sacrificial life as a gratitude to God.

# LAVER OR WASH BASIN

- It was used by the priests for ceremonial cleaning.
- The principle is that we need to live a holy life. If we commit sin, we need to ask forgiveness immediately. 1 Jn.1:7-9

# TABLE OF SHEWBREAD

- “The twelve loaves of bread constituted a perpetual thank offering to God from the twelve tribes for the blessings that they received from Him day by day.”  
Dr. Constable’s notes on Exodus



# CONT.

- We should be thankful to God that He provides us spiritual and physical food.
- We should also share this spiritual bread with others.
- Jesus is the bread of life. Jn. 6:35

# THE LAMPSTAND

- The lampstand was used to light the holy place but it has a significance that Jesus Christ is the light of the world. In John 8:12 Jesus Said “ I am the light of the world.” He said these words during the feast of tabernacle.

# THE LAMPSTAND

- Jesus also said in Mt.5:14 “ You are the light of the world.”
- Principle for us is that we need to tell the world that Jesus is the light of the world.
- We also need to shine our light in this dark world. Mt.5:16

# TABLE OF INCENSE

- Revelation 8:3 says that prayers of the saints are like incense before God.
- Psalm 141:2 says “ May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.”

# TABLE OF INCENSE

- It is encouraging for us that our prayers are like an aroma of incense before God.
- His ears are attentive to our cry.  
Psalm 34:15b

# ARK OF COVENANT

- The ark of covenant was a constant reminder to them that God is present among them.
- The atonement cover ( mercy seat) was a reminder that their sins were atoned by God.

# ARK OF COVENANT

- We are taught in the NT that Jesus Christ is our atonement. He did this once for all by His death on the cross. Roman 3:25; 1Jn. 2:2,4:10 and Heb.9:5-7
- We are the vessels who carry the glory of God. 2Cor 4:7

# ARK OF COVENANT

- The ark of covenant also signifies that God is faithful. He who keeps all His promises, therefore we should also be faithful in everything.



# APPLICATION

1. We need not bring sacrifice for salvation but bring your sacrifices for service.
2. We should live a sanctified life for the glory of God.
3. We should be thankful to God for meeting all our daily needs.

# APPLICATION

4. We should witness that Jesus is the light of the world and shines our light in this dark world.
5. We should bring our prayers before God. He loves when we pray.

# APPLICATION

6. We should be faithful to God and His people.
7. We should enjoy the presence of God in our life. He is with us and in us all the time. John 14:17